The cost of medicines purchased for the last five years.

307. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of the cost of medicines purchased for the State for the years 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100 and 1101 ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The subjoined statement gives the information required.

		Rs.
1097	..	75,978
1098	..	61,049
1099	..	74,297
1100	..	73,723
1101	..	67,233

The X-Ray installation.

308. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the date on which the building of the X-Ray ward was completed ;

(b) the date on which the X-Ray apparatus was ordered for ;

(c) the date on which it was received in the Hospital and the date on which it was installed ;

(d) the date on which the X-Ray Expert was appointed to the post ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The building was handed over in March 1926.

(b) The order was given in May 1925.

(c) The apparatus arrived in the General Hospital in December 1925 and was installed in April 1926.

(d) The officer was entertained on 30th March 1925 for the combined charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital and the X-Ray Department.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Who was the officer in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital till that time, i. e., 30th March ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I was looking after the Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Was there any report that the person who was in charge till then could not manage the Ophthalmic Hospital alone ? Was there a report that a new hand was necessary ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, I had brought that to the notice of the Government.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Was that brought along with the recommendation of the appointment of the new incumbent ?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Is the new incumbent a qualified doctor in the Ophthalmic line ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese —He is as qualified as any you can get.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—May I know the reason for the appointment being made on the 30th of March 1925, i. e., 10 months before the apparatus was ordered for ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given there.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I want the reason why the appointment was made, before the order for the apparatus was given.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He was appointed both for the combined work of the Ophthalmic Hospital which was in existence and the X-Ray Department which was to be in existence. Further, the advice of an expert was essentially necessary to get down all the necessary instruments, appliances and all that. That is the reason.

The Excise Committee.

309. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of meetings of the Excise Committee held in the first nine months after the appointment of the Committee;

(b) whether the Committee at its first meeting had not decided that the next meeting should be held in last Kanni, and whether there was any meeting in Kanni as decided upon, and to mention the reason for not holding a meeting in that month, if there was no meeting;

(c) whether any letter was received by the convener of the Committee from any of the members of the Committee for holding a meeting before the last budget session of the Council to consider any definite matter, and if so, whether the letter be placed on the table, and state whether the convener convened a meeting as requested, replied the letter or acknowledged the receipt of it;

(d) whether any member of the Committee wrote to the Government about the irregular way in which the work of the Committee has been done and recording his disapprobation, and if so, whether copies of such letter be printed and placed on the table;

(e) whether any action has been taken by the Government or the Chairman of the Committee with reference to the letters mentioned in (d);

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